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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown, San Francisco, for the week ended July 23, 1904.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of July 25:

Week ended July 23.

Buildings reinspected.....	243
Rooms	1,670
Persons inspected	2,115
Sick	22
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary	12
Dead examined	2
Necropsies	None.
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	31
Number showing pest infection.....	0
Places limed and disinfected	1,140
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed	18
Blocks covered with Danyz virus.....	712
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisance.....	11
Nuisances abated.....	5
Undergoing abatement	10
Total number plumbing inspections.....	120

Fumigation of steamship Korea at San Francisco quarantine.

The following is received from Assistant Surgeon Trotter, under date of July 12:

The American steamship *Korea*, from oriental ports, arrived at this port on the 30th ultimo. She was inspected and passed by Passed Assistant Surgeon Cumming with the proviso that the vessel should use rat guards at the wharf, hoist gangways at night, and have her holds fumigated with sulphur when discharged.

This vessel had a case of plague aboard while en route from Hongkong to Kobe. At the latter port the passengers were removed and bathed, effects fumigated, and the ship was washed with some antiseptic solution, probably carbolic acid. In addition she received, according to the ship's officers, a fumigation of the holds with sulphur dioxid, about 300 pounds being used. This vessel also received a preliminary disinfection, by sulphur dioxid, at Hongkong, previous to taking on cargo.

The vessel discharged her cargo here, after which she proceeded to dry dock for the purpose of being cleaned and painted. The ship was completely emptied, with the exception of about three or four hundred tons of flour, and advantage was taken of her condition to fumigate the holds and storerooms with sulphur. As a result 36 rats were obtained when the compartments were opened, and later 4 more were found, making a total of 40. This vessel has a gross tonnage of 18,000 and a net of 5,600. The number of sulphur pots used was 24, which, in a vessel of this size, was a remarkably good showing for the number of rats killed.

Transactions on account of smallpox in northern Maine, Canadian border.

Weekly report of sanitary work in Madawaska region.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Hammond reports, through Surgeon Kalloch, as follows:

Week ended July 16, 1904. Number of cases smallpox previously reported, none; new cases, 4; houses under quarantine, 2; houses fumigated, 2; persons vaccinated, 6; miles of territory covered, 70.

Transactions on account of yellow fever at Laredo, Tex.—Antimosquito work at Alice.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Frick reports, through Passed Assistant Surgeon Richardson, as follows:

ALICE, TEX., June 25, 1904.

Report for June 24, 1904: Inspected 9 wells, 9 cisterns, 78 water barrels, of which 67 were screened and 1 oiled. This inspection develops nothing new. The people are willing to oil their cisterns and screen their other water containers, but they refuse fumigation, so that this practically completes the work at this place, for the present at least.

JUNE 27, 1904.

Report for June 25, 1904: Cisterns inspected, 24; oiled, 11; wells inspected, 22; oiled, 3; tanks inspected, 25; oiled, 7; barrels inspected, 81; oiled, 27.

Doctor Cock and force are at Corpus Christi, Doctor MacGregor and force at Robstown, from which point they will work both ways, covering all the territory between Alice and Corpus Christi. Both Doctor Cock and Doctor MacGregor have been instructed to report to you direct and to await your further orders.

The situation here remains unchanged.

I inclose four mosquitoes, two of which, to me, appear to be *Anopheles*, possibly *argyrotarsis*, or an *albipis*, if not one of the sub-species.—Theobald. The other is the same as the mosquito we found near the Texas Mexican Railroad, and which we failed to classify.

The mosquitoes which appear to me to be *Anopheles* have rather long palpi, spotted wings, etc. They abound here, although they are not found in the town, but in the immediate suburbs. I shall make an effort to find some of the larvæ of these mosquitoes, although it has so far been a difficult matter, probably because of there being so many frogs in the neighborhood.